

Town of Milton
Board of Adjustment Committee
Historic Preservation Board
Minutes
December 13, 2005

Members Present:

John Collier	Larry Savage	Matt Dotterer	Joan Martin-Brown
Paul Camenisch			
Town Members:	Eric Evans		

Historic Preservation Board

Chairman John Collier opened the meeting and introduced the first application:

The applicant Goshen Methodist Church/Sunshine Preschool is requesting a building permit to erect a fence for the property located at 103 Mulberry Street further identified by Sussex County Tax Map and Parcel number 2-35-20.07-7.00 which is located in the Historic Overlay District.

Bill Woods representing Goshen United Methodist Church addressed the board. The church has a preschool that must meet the new preschool regulations for the State of Delaware. The preschool must install an outside fence to comply with these regulations; they are requesting a 48" tall chain link fence measuring 25' by 25'. Mr. Woods supplied a copy of the State regulations and a diagram of where the fence will be placed. Mr. Collier stated the regulations do not require the fence to be chain link. He suggested the preschool install the chain link fence but shield the part of the fence that faces the road with some sort of material in characteristic of the historic district. Board members asked questions of the applicant particularly regarding the research of other types of fence.

John Barton was a pastor in Philadelphia and is familiar with the problem the church is facing; one issue to watch for on the fence options would be the spacing in between each bar, so a child could not get their head through the bars.

Mr. Woods will take the issue back to the church so they can come up with some options to bring back before the board in January

The applicant Peggy Barton is requesting a building permit to erect a sign for the property located at 322 Union Street further identified by Sussex County Tax Map and Parcel number 2-35-14.19-69.00 which is located in the Historic Overlay District.

John Barton addressed the board and provided a picture of what the sign would look like and stated it would be placed on one of the pillars on the front porch. He provided pictures of the home and showed where he would like to place the sign.

The board discussed the sign and its location in relation to the property line. Peggy Barton asked the board for what would be proper placement of the sign. There was discussion on placing the sign on the second floor level, between the windows or on the end of the house.

Mr. Collier made a recommendation to approve the sign with the condition they must hang the sign above the first floor for visibility purposes and the sign must be in

compliance with the Town ordinance Section 8 1.1 article 1 through 5, seconded by Mr. Camenisch. All members in favor.

Mr. Collier amended the recommendation to allow the owner to place the sign in the most visible location as long as it is five feet off the property line. The motion was seconded by Mr. Camenisch. All members in favor.

The meeting was adjourned.

John Collier

Larry Savage

Matt Dotterer

Joan Martin-Brown

Paul Camenisch